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REF: BRASILIA EMBTEL 8721

1. SUMMARY: ON HIS RETURN FROM THE UNITED STATES SILVEIRA GAVE REPORTERS A GENERALLY UPBEAT INTERVIEW ON BRAZIL'S POLITICAL POSITION IN THE WORLD. HE SAID THAT HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS WOULD CONTINUE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND SUGGESTED THAT RELATIONS WERE GOOD. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO RAN ANOTHER EDITORIAL CRITICAL OF SILVEIRA'S THIRD WORLD STANCE AND POINTING WITH ALARM TO THE ANGOLAN SITUATION. WHILE AVOIDING CRITICISM, JORNAL DO BRASIL EDITORIALLY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE "MOSCOW-LUANDA AXIS. " END SUMMARY

2. FOREIGN MINISTER ANTONIO SILVEIRA RETURNED TO BRAZIL ON OCTOBER 10 AND, TOLD REPORTERS THAT RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WERE "MOVING TOWARD A FORM OF UNDERSTANDING WITHOUT CONFRONTRATIONS, BUT ALSO WITHOUT UNNECESSARY AQUIESCENCE."

3. ON MATTERS OF TRADE SILVEIRA SAID THAT ONE OF THE REMAINING PROBLEMS IS THAT THE UNITED STATES RESORTS TO
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PROTECTIONIST LEGISLATION ON IMPORTS, BUT INVOLKES INTER-

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NATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF AMERICAN EXPORTS.
SILVEIRA ALSO WARNED JOURNALISTS THAT THE APPLICABILITY
OF RESTRICTIONS ON BRAZILIAN SHOE EXPORTS TO THE
UNITED STATES WOULD SOON BE REVIEWED (BRASILIA 8755.)

4. SILVEIRA REPEATED THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAD NOT
DISCUSSED THE LOCKHEED CASE WITH HIM. HE SAID THAT
COMMERCE SECRETARY ELLIOT RICHARDSON HAD ASKED THAT
BRAZIL PARTICIPATE IN A UN GROUP THAT WOULD ESTABLISH
RULES OF CONDUCT FOR MULTINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
(SEE STATE 251304 AND BRASILIA 8721).

5. QUESTIONED ABOUT THE UTILITY OF MEETING THE SECRETARY
OF STATE IN AN ADMINISTRATION THAT COULD BE CHANGED IN
NEXT MONTH'S ELECTIONS, SILVEIRA POINTED OUT THAT THESE
MEETINGS WERE CALLED FOR IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.
HE SAID HE EXPECTED THE NEXT ROUND TO BE IN MARCH OR
APRIL 1977 WITH CABINET MEMBERS OF WHATEVER AMERICAN
ADMINISTRATION IS ELECTED OR RE-ELECTED IN NOVEMBER,
BUT "PERHAPS NOT AGAIN WITH SECRETARY HENRY KISSINGER."
SILVEIRA ALSO REPEATED A STATEMENT HE HAD MADE TO A
BRAZILIAN NEWSMAN IN PARIS THAT HE HAD MET DEMOCRATS
AND HAD INDIRECT CONTACT WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
GOVERNOR CARTER. SILVEIRA EXPLAINED THAT THE DEMOCRATS
HE MET WERE ALL SERVING IN THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION
AND HE CITED AS EXAMPLE DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL
AND UNDER-SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS.

6. CONCERNING GOVERNOR CARTER'S COMMENTS ON THE NUCLEAR
TREATY BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY, SILVEIRA WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: "THAT IS A
CLOSED SUBJECT SINCE EVEN CARTER'S CRITICISMS SUGGEST
HE DOES NOT INTEND TO GO AGAINST THE BRAZIL-GERMANY
AGREEMENT, BUT SIMPLY TO COMBAT OTHER AGREEMENTS OF
THE SAME TYPE." ON THE SUBJECT OF ENERGY SILVEIRA SAID
THE UNITED STATES WAS INTERESTED IN THE BRAZILIAN
PROCESS FOR MAKING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM SHALE.

7. IN WHAST MAY BE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HIS VIEW OF
BRAZIL'S POSITION IN THE WORLD AFTER THE LATEST UN
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, SILVEIRA SAID: "BRAZIL IS
SAILING WELL AND BEING WELL UNDERSTOOD. SEVERAL WEST
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE SOUGHT US OUT TO SEE IF IT
WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE SOUNDINGS DIRECTED TOWARD A
FULLER RELATIONSHIP WITH BRAZIL NOT ONLY IN THE ECONOMIC
AREA BUT ALSO POLITICALLY. SEVERAL HAVE ASKED IF WE
COULD HAVE FOREIGN POLICY PLANNING CONTACTS."

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8. SILVEIRA REPEATED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DENIAL OF THE UPI STORY THAT HE HAD COMPLAINED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER ABOUT NOT BEING CONSULTED PRIOR TO THE SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT AGOSTINO NETO'S CURRENT VISIT TO MOSCOW, SILVEIRA SAID BRAZIL WAS FOLLOWING ANGOLAN DEVELOPMENTS, BUT AGOSTINO'S TRIPS "ARE HIS DECISION." SILVEIRA CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA AS "GOOD AND PROMISING."

9. PRESTIGIOUS O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, LONG A CRITIC OF SILVEIRA, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS RETURN TO LAMBAST "THE THIRDWORLDISH DEMAGOGUERY OF FOREIGN MINISTER AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA WHICH, IN RELATION TO ANGOLA AND THE OTHER AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INSPIRED AND DIRECTED BY THE COMMUNIST BLOC, CONSTITUTES A CHALLENGE TO STRATEGIC SECURITY AS MUCH TO BRAZIL AS TO ALL OF SOUTH AMERICA." THE EDITORIAL AGAIN ARRAIGNS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR THE EARLY RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA AND FOR SUPPORTING UN MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PRESENT REGIME IN LUANDA. THE MAJOR CRITICISM WAS HELD FOR WHAT THE PAPER FELT WERE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ATTEMPTS TO DISCOUNT THE THREAT TO BRAZIL IN THE RECENTLY SIGNED TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN MOSCOW AND LUANDA. THE EDITORIAL CRITICISES SILVEIRA FOR REFUSING EVEN TO CONSIDER THE IDEA OF A SOUTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE TREATY AND ENDS BY ASKING IF THE FOREIGN MINISTER THINKS THAT SOVIET INFLUENCE IN LUANDA CAN BE OFFSET BY A VISIT TO BRASILIA BY AGOSTINO NETO OR IF THE STRATEGIC PREPARATIONS OF THE SOVIETS WILL BE OVERCOME BY SILVEIRA'S FRIENDSHIPS WITH AGOSTINO NETO.

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10. AN EDITORIAL THE SAME DAY IN INFLUENTIAL JORNAL DO BRASIL, ALSO VIEWS THE TREATY WITH CONCERN AND REFERS TO A MOSCOW-LUANDA AXIS. WITHOUT CRITICISING THE GOVERNMENT OF REVIEWING RECENT POLICY THE EDITORIAL CLOSES BY SAYING BRAZIL WILL HAVE TO DRAW FROM THE MOSCOW-LUANDA AXIS: "THE NECESSARY AND INDISPENSABLE CONCLUSIONS IN ORDER TO SAFEGUEARD OUR INTERESTS." JOHNSON

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